National Finance Center Customer Notification

Date of Notification: April 26, 2010

Subject: Testing of DB2 Version 9.1 Update

Database/Customer(s) Affected: All Customers

Dear Customer:

This notification serves as an update regarding the testing schedule for the upgrading of the DB2 Database to Version 9.1.

DB01		
Date	**System**	**Testing Start Time**
Saturday, May 8, 2010	CADJ	12:00 p.m.
	CAES	12:00 p.m.
	CLER	12:00 p.m.
	CNTL	12:00 p.m.
	EMPR	12:00 p.m.
	FFATA	12:00 p.m.
	GLID	12:00 p.m.
	MASC/FFIS Interface	12:00 p.m.
	OTRS	12:00 p.m.
	SOAP	12:00 p.m.
	STAT	12:00 p.m.
	SETSWEB	12:00 p.m.

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Due to unavailability of the FFIS system on May 22, 2010, the date has been changed for implementation of DB2 V9.1 (NFM) to DB15. Therefore, the following applications, if possible, should be tested on May 8, 2010.

DB15		
Date	System	Testing Start Time
Saturday, May 8, 2010	FFIS	12:00 p.m.
	IBIL	12:00 p.m.

Instructions for Saturday, May 8, 2010

Testers should call the Operations and Security Center (OSC) at 504-426-6435 or 1-800-767-9641 after 11:00 a.m. CT to ensure that all programs are being successfully loaded and testing can begin at 12:00 Noon CT.

The installation process will begin at 8:00 a.m. CT and will continue until 11:59 a.m. CT.

DB05		
Date	System	Testing Start Time
Saturday, May 22, 2010	CLOG	8:00 a.m.
	EARN	8:00 a.m.
	EMCP	8:00 a.m.
	EPIC	8:00 a.m.
	MASC/FFIS Interface	8:00 a.m.
	QMHS	8:00 a.m.
	ROBS	8:00 a.m.
	SPPS-R	8:00 a.m.
	STAR	8:00 a.m.
	WTWO1R	8:00 a.m.

Instructions for Saturday, May 22, 2010

Testers should call OSC at 504-426-6435 or 1-800-767-9641 after 11:00 a.m. CT to ensure that all programs are being successfully loaded and testing can begin at 12:00 Noon CT.

General Testing Instructions

Testing is currently scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. CT and can continue until 4:00 p.m. CT on each scheduled date. Any changes to the start time will be provided via e-mail. In preparation for the testing phase, please ensure that the functions are available before the test weekend. Please use the same User Id and workstation as on the test weekend (if you will be testing at home, please test before Saturday).

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Send an e-mail to the addresses below to advise which applications will be tested, for example, EPIC application using COOLGEN Client; EPICWEB application using DB2 Stored Procedures; and STARWEB application using COOLGEN WEB, etc. Also include in your email the user's contact information such as name, telephone number, e-mail address, and User Id.

Send your test reports and list of testers to Robert Jeandron, bob.jeandron@usda.gov and Mike Snipes, mike.snipes@usda.gov. In the event the Outlook e-mail system is unavailable, please contact either Bob Jeandron at 504-426-2464 or Mike Snipes at 504-426-2039.

Testing for New Function Mode is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010 and Saturday, May 22, 2010.

A list of the DB2 applications names and acronyms is attached.

Special Note:

Any updates to data done in these applications will change the production databases specified and will remain in the databases after the test unless there are problems discovered with the new version of software.

Please forward any questions regarding this notification to bob.jeandron@usda.gov or mike.snipes@usda.gov.

Attachment

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DB01
Central Accounting DOJ Database (CADJ)
Central Accounting Extract System (CAES)
Centralized Enrollment Clearinghouse System (CLER)
Central Accounting Control System (CNTL)
Civilian Employment (EMPR)
Federal Fund Accounting and Transport Act 2006 (FFATA)
General Ledger Interactive Description (GLID)
Management Account Structure Codes System/Financial Foundation Information System Interface (MASC/FFIS Interface)
OTRS Tracking and Reconciliation System (OTRS)
Salary Offset Agency Processing (SOAP)
Statistical Tabulation Analysis Tables (STAT)
Security Entry and Tracking System Web (SETSWEB)

System Testing for May 22, 2010
DB05
NFC Common Logon System (CLOG)
Statement of Earnings and Leave System (EARN)
NFC Employee Component System (EMCP)
Entry, Processing, Inquiry and Correction System (EPIC)
Management Account Structure Codes System/Financial Foundation Information System Interface (MASC/FFIS Interface)
Error Handling Component (ROBS)
QWIK Message Handling System (QMHS)
Special Payroll Processing System Reporting (SPPS-R)
System for Time and Attendance Reporting (STAR)
WTWO System Mainframe/Block Mode Format (WTWO1R)
DB15
Internet Billing System (IBIL)
Financial Foundation Information System (FFIS)
Management Account Structure Codes System/Financial Foundation Information System Interface (MASC/FFIS Interface)

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